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3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
4 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
5 AT SEATTLE

6 DEBRA CRAIG,

7 Plaintiff,

8 v.

9 NOVARTIS PHARMACEUTICALS  
10 CORPORATION,

11 Defendant.

C20-1641 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

12 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable  
13 Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge:

14 (1) Plaintiff Debra Craig's motion to stay, docket no. 27, is GRANTED. All  
15 proceedings in this action are STAYED until further order of this Court. Although  
16 neither party compellingly argues that it will suffer prejudice, hardship, or inequity if the  
17 proceedings are or are not stayed, the Court finds judicial economy and efficiency heavily  
18 weigh in favor of a stay. *See Rivers v. Walt Disney*, 980 F. Supp. 1358, 1360–62 (C.D.  
19 Cal. 1997) (“[I]t appears that a majority of courts have concluded that it is often  
20 appropriate to stay preliminary pretrial proceedings while a motion to transfer and  
21 consolidate is pending with the [Multidistrict Litigation] Panel because of the judicial  
22 resources that are conserved.”);

23 (2) The parties are DIRECTED to promptly notify the Court of the Judicial  
Panel on Multidistrict Litigation's ruling on Plaintiff's pending motion to transfer this  
action; and

(3) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of  
record.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2021.

21 Ravi Subramanian  
22 Clerk

23 s/Gail Glass  
Deputy Clerk